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AUSTRIA GRANTS POINT IN FAVOR OF NEUTRAL SHIPS; BREAK APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN AVERTED

Reply to American Memorandum Claims Right to Sink Enemy Merchantmen But Fails to Include Non-Combatants.

U. S. WILL AWAIT ACTION

Does Not Want to Break Off Relations Merely Because Austria Supports German Theory.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The state department has received Austria's reply to the American submarine memorandum. She refuses to surrender her right to sink enemy merchantmen but does not include neutrals. Authorities believe Austria has conceded a point.

The United States is inclined to await Austria's action. Officials said the note indicated a desire to avoid a break. The United States does not want to sever relations merely because Austria supports the German theory.

Document Is Lengthy.

The reply is the lengthiest diplomatic note received since negotiations started. Officials agreed the document tended to give concessions. A full break has been averted.

The note says the barred zone was established for the purpose of ultimately making the seas free. It said submarines would insure all flags safety at sea after the allies were defeated. It contained much denunciation of the allies, particularly of England. It charged the allies used illegal blockade methods and violated international law.

Adheres to Assurances.

It said the central powers expected the neutrals to appreciate their efforts to restore international law and equal rights to all nations. "The government wants America to understand it adheres strictly to all assurances given, will endeavor to clear up all disputed points and avoid misunderstandings."

NO LAMB LOSSES IN RECENT STORM

On the Contrary Snowfall Supplied Moisture Which Will be of Great Benefit to Range Grass.

There were no lamb losses from the recent storm in this part of eastern Oregon, according to sheepmen but, on the other hand the storm supplied moisture which will be a great aid to the grass on the ranges.

All of the lambing which was being done when the storm broke was shed lambing and the sheepmen were well prepared. The storm necessitated extra feeding but the sheepmen of Union, Morrow and Gilliam counties have still enough hay to feed for thirty days if necessary. In Grant county there is said to be a shortage of hay.

Among the sheepmen doing winter or shed lambing are Smythe Bros., Joe Cunha, R. F. Wigglesworth, the Pendleton Sheep Co., and Anton Vey. The spring lambing will begin about March 20 to 25.

Reports from the sheepmen are that the lambing is showing a big increase and exceptionally strong lambs. This is attributed to the fact that the high prices for wool and mutton have caused sheepmen to feed and care for their flocks with extraordinary care. The mountain ranges are to be better this year than for a number of seasons. It is anticipated, inasmuch as the snows have been much heavier than in ordinary winters. Snow is reported in the mountains from four to 15 feet deep and there is no frost in the ground, thus insuring that much of the moisture will be absorbed. This will mean plenty of grass and water.

Sheepmen as well as farmers are not now ready for warmer weather. There is a big shortage in sheep, due principally to the war, and local stockmasters are expecting extraordinary high prices for both wool and mutton. There is a general disposition locally to hold, all offers for contracts being refused.

DOUAMONT FIGHTING DESPERATE.

PARIS, March 6.—It is announced desperate fighting continues in Carrières Wood at Douamont. The Germans are unable to recover lost trenches.

SPECIAL WEATHER FORECAST IS BIG AID TO STOCKMEN

SHEEPMEN PARTICULARLY RECEIVING GREAT BENEFIT, DECLARES D. P. SMYTHE.

The special stockmen's weather forecast, furnished through the cooperation of the United States weather bureau in Portland and the forestry service, is proving a boon of inestimable value to stockmen of eastern Oregon and Washington, according to Dan P. Smythe, prominent local sheepman.

"The special forecast furnished by the weather bureau with the assistance of Mr. McKenale and Mr. Cryder of the forestry service is proving of great value to stockmen, particularly to the sheepmen," he said this morning. "The service has only been furnished for a year and during that time I have had occasion to observe that the prediction of big storms have been made with wonderful accuracy.

"Personally, I know that Smythe Bros. have on a number of occasions benefited from them and we are learning to watch them with serious concern. When a sudden change in the weather is predicted, we always take precautions to protect our stock. The last big storm which broke over eastern Oregon was predicted in time to give the sheepmen who were lambing to prepare for it. Those who did not suffer.

"I have talked with many sheepmen who at first ridiculed the service and find that all have been converted to its value. They are ready to testify to the direct benefits they have derived. I believe that when this system of warning stockmen is developed that it will prove as big a boon as any the forecasts to the shipping business."

SHEER MADNESS TO DESERT ALLIES SAYS JAPANESE PREMIER

Zimmerman Letter Reveals Complete Ignorance of Other Nations' Aims Declares Toranichi.

TOKYO, March 6.—Premier Toranichi made a statement declaring the Zimmerman letter revealed Germany's efforts to estrange Japan from the United States and showed Germany's complete ignorance of other nations' aims. He said Japan would manifest "sheer madness" if she attempted to desert the allies and attack the United States. He emphasized the Japanese-American friendship.

APPAM RESTORED BRITISH OWNERS

Supreme Court Dismisses Werner Horn Appeal—Washington, New York and Iowa Workmen's Laws Held Valid.

Washington, March 6.—The supreme court ordered the German prize steamer Appam restored to her British owners. They dismissed Werner Horn's appeal, ordering the alleged German plotters to stand trial on a charge of conspiracy to dynamite a Canadian railway bridge. It declared the Washington, New York and Iowa workmen's compensation laws were valid.

FLAMES FORCE MAN TO FALL TO HIS DEATH

DETROIT, March 6.—E. D. Voorhies lung from a hotel window by his fingers for five minutes until flames forced him to release his hold when he fell to his death six stories below. Many watched but were unable to assist him. Fire and smoke drove four hundred Hotel Taylor guests to the street. Voorhies was a salesman.

AMERICAN VICTIM OF THE LACONIA



MRS. MARY HOY

Mrs. Mary Hoy of Chicago and her daughter Elizabeth died at 1:30 a. m. Monday, Feb. 26, in an open boat after the Laconia had been sunk by a German submarine. She died in her daughter's arms, killed by exposure to the icy ocean. Miss Hoy died a few moments later. The death of these two may be the overt act to precipitate war between the United States and Germany.

BURGULARS ENTER HOME SEEKING WIRELESS CHART

PORTLAND, March 6.—The Portland Heights residence of F. I. Fuller, vice-president of the Portland Street Railways, has twice been burglarized. The police believe the burglars are hunting charts showing revolutionary wireless improvements. Fuller's son is conducting the experiments. His son is chief electrical engineer of the Federal Wireless.

BENSON IS HEAD OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Appointment of State Highway Engineer is Deferred Until After the June Election.

SALEM, March 6.—The new state highway commission has been organized. Simon Benson of Portland, is chairman. The other members are E. J. Adams of Eugene, and W. L. Thompson of Pendleton.

The appointment of a state highway engineer was deferred until after the June election on the six million dollar road bonds. Several changes in the commission's members were made. Commissioner Adams said numerous applications for the position of engineer were received from all parts of the country.

STURTEVANT WILL CASE IS APPEALED

Notice of appeal in the Sturtevant will contest was filed today by G. W. Curtis and Fee & Fee, attorneys for Clark A. Sturtevant. Alma Sturtevant and Fay Sturtevant, against whom the decision of Judge Marsh in the probate court was returned. The appeal is taken to the circuit court and the notice is served upon Stephen A. Lowell, Frederick Steiner, Halsey A. Raley and Will M. Peterson, attorneys for Vivian J. Sturtevant, now Linsner and Lowell E. Sturtevant, the contestants of the will.

SAYS FORMER BRITISH ADMIRAL FISHER, QUIT HIS POST LIKE TRAITOR

LONDON, March 6.—Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux, member of the House of Commons for Portsmouth at which post he is commander in chief in chieftain in the house today those who wished to bring Lord Fisher, former first sea lord, back to the admiralty, said: "Lord Fisher deserted his post like a traitor." There were cries of dissent at this juncture. "Well," went on Admiral Meux, "if he had been a soldier or a sailor he would have been shot." This "hydra-headed intrigue" to bring Lord Fisher back, declared the speaker, was headed by persons who had failed, and if there was one way to lose the war it was to bring back those who had failed.

Waves Extinguish Fire.

MOBILE, March 6.—Mountainous waves extinguished the boiler fire of the Steamer Druid, enroute from Pensacola to Havana. She is wallowing helplessly in a raging gale seventy miles off Pensacola. The cruiser Columbia nearby wireless the facts.

Kohl Once in Des Moines.

DES MOINES, March 6.—Fritz Kohl, the alleged German bomb plotter arrested in Hoboken, was engaged in the automobile business here in July, 1914. He is a former German army lieutenant. He came here from Mexico. Kohl said the German government sent him to Egypt and other foreign lands. He claimed he was still working for Germany while here.

ACTUAL SALE OF CLUB AT \$1.67

PORTLAND, March 6.—(Special) Merchants' Exchange reported a sale of ten thousand bushels of April club wheat at a dollar sixty seven per bushel, a record breaking price.

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Data for Chicago and Portland wheat prices.

LATE WIRE BULLETINS

SISTER OF POPE DIES. ROME, March 6.—Mrs. Rosa Parolla, sister of the late Pope, died.

BREAD EXPORTS STOP. LONDON, March 6.—The Netherlands announced that submarine had forced Holland to prohibit exporting bread to Belgium.

White Slavers Denied Rehearing. WASHINGTON, March 6.—The supreme court denied the Diggs-Carnegie white slave case rehearing. The men go to jail within a month.

WHITE HOUSE PICKETING ABANDONED BY WOMEN. WASHINGTON, March 6.—Suffragettes abandoned the White House picket. They are planning a new course of action. The picket lasted several weeks.

WILL NOT ACT UNLESS SURE OF HIS POWER

President Expected to Announce Today Whether He Has Authority to Arm Merchantmen.

INAUGURATION SPEECH SENT

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Senator Lodge this afternoon attempted to introduce an armed neutrality bill in the senate. The measure was identical with the previous bill. Owen moved the bill's introduction was out of order, as the foreign relations committee expired Sunday. Vice-President Marshall sustained Owen. Thomas declared Lodge's bill was not in order, as congress was not regularly in session. He was sustained.

The senate was unable to determine whether the Lodge bill is legal now and adjourned until noon tomorrow. Marshall said the bill could be properly introduced. He refused to divulge the parliamentary method, saying it was beyond his province as presiding officer. Verdman answered President Wilson's message calling the filibusters wild men. He said he was sorry the president was displeased, but said: "I am not taking orders from anybody outside of Mississippi." He promised to cooperate with the majority and revise the rule to prevent filibusters. Kenyon denied participation in the filibuster. Jones of Washington said he saw no reason for replying to the president's criticisms. Kirby denied filibustering. He was greatly excited, and favored the cloture rule. Lane favored a limited cloture. He declined to discuss the president's criticism. La Follette refused to talk. It is understood he is awaiting the first opportunity to make a hot reply to Wilson.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—President Wilson is expected to announce today whether he has the power to arm merchantmen. It is strongly intimated that the legal department believes the president is empowered to furnish naval cannons. Officially it is believed that Wilson will not act unless he is certain. The White House received scores of telegrams urging the president to arm ships. Wilson ordered copies of his inauguration address sent to all foreign governments. He wants the United States' attitude distinctly understood. Democratic senators cautioned and started a campaign to revise the rules to prevent filibusters. They named Martin of Virginia, the democratic floor leader and King of Utah as elected senate secretary.

RESOLUTIONS GIVE SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT

Resolutions expressive of Pendleton's patriotic support of the national administration in the present international crisis and calling upon Senator Kirby and calling upon Senator Kirby Lane to line up squarely behind President Wilson are to be presented to the Commercial association for passage at the monthly meeting tonight. President Tallman declares the resolutions will be presented in response to a general demand from business men without regard to their party affiliations. Many demands were made upon him yesterday to draft a telegram roundly denouncing Lane for his reported part in the filibuster that defeated the administration's armed neutrality bill. The new president decided to wait until the meeting this evening. Similar resolutions are to be presented at the banquet for which the Commercial association will be sponsor Thursday evening. A draft of these resolutions is now being made. It is said the resolutions will refrain from undignified language but will give Senator Lane plainly to understand that his reported action is not endorsed by his constituents in Pendleton.

SEN. LANE SAYS DID NOT OPPOSE

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Senator Lane denies that he participated in a filibuster against the bill granting authority for arming merchantmen. "On the contrary," he says, "I favored a vote on the bill. I wanted it amended so protection would be given only to American ships and not to any carrying munitions of war. Remember, we had the senate bill before us all the time and it needed modification. In the last part of the night I was asked by supporters of the bill what amendments the independent senators would accept. I saw Norris, Kenyon and others, who said they were for it if modified. I was unable to get positive assurance from La Follette, who was just as suspicious of advocates of the bill as they were of him. In the senate tomorrow I intend to charge that the defeat was the result of mismanagement, narrowness and lack of tact on the part of Hitchcock and Pomerene. They tried to force the thing through without amendment upon the arrogant assumption that everyone disagreeing with them was unfriendly to the president. We would have gotten an agreement and a vote, I believe, except for this attitude. Further I think it peculiar that the original document signed by senators who said they favored the measure can not be produced. I have been trying to locate it. I intend to ask about that, too. Possibly it was altered before it was given to the press. I believe in a reasonable cloture rule and will support it. I have never engaged in filibustering and do not believe in talking measures to death."

PLOT AGAINST INDIA FOILED BY N.Y. POLICE

Two Germans Arrested Charged With Starting Military Expedition Against Friendly Nation.

KOLB'S ACCOMPLICE CAUGHT

Police See Connection Between Bomb and Hindu Conspiracy; \$2,000,000 Left by Bernstein to Finance German Propaganda.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Doctor Chenader Chakigerty and Doctor Ernst Skutner were arrested on a charge of starting a military expedition against a friendly nation. The police said they plotted to cause an Indian revolution. They admitted getting sixty thousand dollars from Wolf Von Igel, an alleged German plottor. Detectives raided a fashionable apartment and found mysterious chemicals and pamphlets urging a Hindu rising. It is reported Bernstein left a two million dollar fund here for the purpose of financing German propaganda.

Kohl's Accomplice Caught.

The Holokan police arrested Hans Schwartz, the admitted accomplice of Fritz Kohl. They found bombs in his hotel room. He is held without bail. His hearing is tomorrow. The police believe the bomb and Hindu plots are connected. They sent detectives to watch every subway station, following the reports that plotters planned to dynamite the subway. They believed the conspirators were planning another Black Tom Island explosion. Vast quantities of munitions are stored on Black Tom awaiting transportation all-ward.

4000 HOMELESS IN TENNESSEE FLOOD

School Houses Shelter Refugees at Chattanooga; Crest of High Water Not Yet Reached.

CHATTANOOGA, March 6.—The Tennessee river flooded portions of the city. Four thousand are homeless. School houses sheltered the refugees. It is feared the river will continue rising until Thursday.

GERMANS WANTED NEW ALLIES ONE EXPLANATION

Zimmerman Makes Second Explanation of German Letter.

AMSTERDAM, March 6.—Berlin reported that Foreign Secretary Zimmerman gave the Reichstag a second explanation of the Mexico letter. He declared certain Germans complained that the Kaiser was not exerting sufficient efforts to secure new allies. "America is not justified in becoming excited. Our step was a national and justifiable precaution. I am not sorry the instructions regarding Japan became known. It is unfortunate the American government obtained them but it does not alter the fact that our step was entirely necessary."

P.H.S. GIRLS DEFEAT SILVERTON 25 TO 12

Game Is Played on Floor of Oregon Agricultural Gymnasium at Corvallis, Or.

In a telephone message last night it was learned that the P. H. S. girls defeated Silverton, 25 to 12.

The game was played at the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis. So far no details have been learned. The girls team now have the undisputed championship of the state. The team is expected home tomorrow afternoon.

BLAST FURNACES BOMBED.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—It is announced naval aeroplanes dropped heavy bombs on German blast furnaces at Dirschach Saturday.

WOMAN HAILED AS LACONIA DISASTER HEROINE



Survivors of the Cunard liner Laconia, sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast, were held in their cabins of Mrs. FRANK E. HARRIS, wife of an American army officer, when they landed from the British patrol boat rescue ship at Queenstown, Mrs. Harris was the last woman to leave the Laconia and was among the ship's officers in the last boat to push off.